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For:

**PROCESS AND PRODUCTION  
LINE FOR MANUFACTURING  
ULTRATHIN HOT ROLLED  
STRIPS BASED ON THE THIN  
SLAB TECHNIQUE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.